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News

Three Candidates for President Coming to Campus May 24-26

Three candidates for the position of president of California Polytechnic State University are tentatively scheduled to visit the campus May 24-26. There will be a number of opportunities for Cal Poly faculty, staff, students, alumni and other members of the extended Cal Poly community to meet and hear from the candidates.

[More on the candidates' visits](#)



Endowment to Honor President and Mrs. Baker Established

Friends of Cal Poly recently established **The Baker Fund for Excellence in Project-Based Learning** as a tribute to the 31 years of leadership provided by Warren and Carly Baker. Nearly \$700,000 has already been raised for the newly-created endowment. Cal Poly President's Cabinet Chairman Steve Ciesinski and Rick Bergquist of the Cal Poly Foundation Board of Directors presented the Bakers with an award naming the fund after them at the Cabinet meeting dinner May 2.

The Baker Fund is a lasting acknowledgment of the vision and accomplishment of the Bakers. It will help enhance Cal Poly's hallmark hands-on approach to learning that combines practical, professional and experiential learning opportunities. Support from the endowment will help fund collaborative student projects across disciplines to address real world problems, engage in innovative research and participate in national competitions. Contributions to the fund can be made by visiting the [Giving website](#) and selecting universitywide under Step 1 and then choosing the Baker Fund, or by

contacting Cassie Carter at crcarter@calpoly.edu.

Cal Poly Employee Named California's AmeriCorps Member of the Year

Megan Mastache, a Cal Poly graduate and member of the Central Coast Volunteer Corps on campus, was named California's inaugural AmeriCorps Member of the Year by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and First Lady Maria Shriver. The award is given to a member who has demonstrated AmeriCorps values, made a significant contribution to their community and committed to a lifetime of service.

[More on Mastache's honor](#)

**CSU Drives Job Creation, Innovation Study Shows
- System generates nearly \$1 billion in tax revenue**



The major benefits of the 23 California State University campuses are felt by communities throughout the state, and today a report was released showing just how much of an economic, technological, social and environmental impact the CSU makes statewide.

The report, [Working for California: The Impact of the California State University System](#), underscores that the dynamic, knowledge-based economy that California enjoys can be directly tied to the investment in world-class public higher education.

Faculty and Staff

Nominations Due June 18 for Provost's Leadership Award for Partnership in Philanthropy

Nominations are being accepted for the Provost's Leadership Award for Partnership in Philanthropy, which recognizes a current or former faculty member's superior achievement in fundraising. The award recipient will be recognized at the 2010 Fall Conference. Faculty, staff and current students are eligible to submit nominations. The nomination form is available on the [Academic Affairs website](#). Submit nominations to Eileen Amaral, University Advancement, Heron Hall, Room 206 no later than 5 p.m. on June 18. E-mail electronic submissions to eamaral@calpoly.edu. For more information, contact Amaral at ext. 6-1590.

Campus Committee Members Needed

Cal Poly permanent or probationary staff employees are needed to fill vacancies on the following campuswide committees: Cal Poly Plan Steering Committee (no term limit); Campus Fee Advisory Committee (2010-2011); Campus Safety and Risk Management Committee (2010-2012); University Committee on Committees (2010-2011); University Planning and Budget Advisory Committee (2010-2012). There is one vacancy on each committee. For information about the committees and an application form, visit the Human Resources [website on committees](#). Interested candidates must complete the application, obtain appropriate signatures, and return it to Human Resources by June 25. For questions, contact Joan Beightler at ext. 6-5426

Grant Trexler is the New Associate Executive Director for the Cal Poly Corporation

Grant Trexler is moving back the Central Coast to serve Cal Poly Corporation as the new associate executive director, Finance and Business Operations. Trexler brings more than 25 years of relevant experience working with small start-up companies to large universities as a top level financial director. For the past six years, he served as the director of Analytical Services for Texas A&M University, where he built strategic business relationships to assist in the financial oversight of various campus commercial enterprises and organizations, served as chairman of more than a half dozen financial committees, developed business proformas and financial forecasts, and assisted in the development of new dining plans, process automation, sponsored research contract administration, and benchmarking metrics creation. Trexler earned his MBA with an accounting concentration from Cal Poly and will complete his doctoral studies in philosophy this year at Texas A&M. He is also an active Certified Public Accountant in California.

Retirements

Retirement Reception for Mike Suess is Today in the Kennedy Library Atrium

A retirement reception for Michael Suess, associate vice president for Academic Personnel, will be held today from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Kennedy Library Atrium. Suess has been with Cal Poly for more than 35 years. Please join Academic Personnel,

Employment Equity and the Center for Teaching & Learning to celebrate his many contributions to the university. For more information, contact Rhonda Walker or Ann Wilenius at ext. 6-7002.

Retirement Reception for Peter Wilt Set for May 26

After 26 years of service to Cal Poly, Peter Wilt will retire from his position as the Spanos Theatre Manager/Cal Poly Arts Program Manager on June 30. An open-house celebration is set for Wednesday, May 26, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center lobby. Join Cal Poly Arts and the College of Liberal Arts in thanking Peter for his years of service and wishing him well in his retirement.

Retirement Reception for Sandra Ogren Set for June 1

A retirement reception for Sandra Ogren, vice president for University Advancement, is scheduled for Tuesday, June 1, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Alumni House. Please join University Advancement to thank Sandra for her dedication and contributions to the university. For more information, contact Therese Souza at ext. 6-1445.

Retirement Reception for Walter Mark Set for June 2

After 38 years of dedicated service, Walter (Wally) Mark will retire from his current position as a faculty member in the Natural Resources Management Department. In addition to teaching, Mark spent 25 years in several administrative positions including academic program planner and director of institutional research; associate dean, College of Agriculture Food and Environmental Science; and Dairy Science department head. A reception in his honor is planned for Wednesday, June 2, from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Agricultural Sciences Building, Room 210. Join us in wishing Wally well in his new adventures. For more information, contact NRM at ext. 6-2702.

Retirement Reception for Noni Smyth Set for June 9

Noni Smyth will retire July 1 after serving 35 years as administrative support coordinator in the Materials Engineering Department. An informal good-bye for Smyth is set for Wednesday, June 9 from 3 to 5 p.m. in Engineering IV, Room 204. Please plan to stop in and wish her well in her retirement. For more information, contact Alysia Winford at ext. 6-2568.

Retirement Reception for Edwin Jaster Set for June 10

After 18 years of dedicated service, Edwin (Dr. J) Jaster will retire from his current position as a faculty member in the Dairy Science Department. In addition to teaching, Jaster served as Dairy Science department head, Los Lecheros Dairy Club adviser and the ADSA Dairy Quiz Bowl coach. A reception in his honor is planned for Thursday, June 10, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Erhart Ag Building, Room 100. Join us for an Ice Cream Social to wish Ed well in his retirement. For more information, contact DSCI at ext. 6-2560.

Retirement Reception for Diane Nott Set for June 11

Diane Nott will retire on July 1 after serving Cal Poly for 23 years - 19 of which were with the Computer Science Department. An informal good-bye for Nott on Friday, June 11 from 2 to 4p.m. at the Leaning Pine Arboretum. Please stop by and wish Diane well in her new retirement adventures. For more information or directions, contact Cindy Bitto, ext. 6-7229.

Campus Announcements



Bella Montana Homes Available for Resale and Rent

Two- and three-bedroom Bella Montana homes are now available for faculty and staff with \$0 down ([see resale list](#)). There are also homes available for rent ([see rental list](#)). For more information, visit the [Bella Montana website](#).



Bike Path Connects City with University Thanks to Rotary

The Rotary Club of San Luis Obispo, led by 2007-08 President Roxanne Carr, donated \$50,000 for safety fencing and launched a successful \$35,000 community fundraising campaign to complete the "missing link" project which connects the City of San Luis Obispo bike trail to the Cal Poly bike trail. A groundbreaking and thank you event are planned today at 3 p.m. on the corner of California Boulevard and Campus Way. Participants are encouraged to walk or bike to the event. Vehicle parking is available at the Sierra Vista Hospital parking structure on Casa Street.

Inclusive Excellence Workshop Set for Thursday

In the second workshop of the series May 20, Lauren Nile, manager of Professional Development at CSU Northridge, will lead a session titled, "Inclusive Excellence at Cal Poly: Envisioning Our Campus Climate." This workshop will also be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in UU 204. Lunch is provided, so registration is encouraged but not required for these workshops. For more information or to register, email ctl@calpoly.edu or call ext. 6-7002.

University Housing Faculty & Staff Recognition Brunch is Thursday

University Housing will host the 2010 Faculty & Staff Recognition Brunch on Thursday, May 20 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. Join us in recognizing the outstanding work of our faculty and staff partners. Enjoy student instrumental and vocal performances, to be followed by presentation of this year's Faculty/Staff Scholar of the Year awards. RSVP to Sandy Barnhart at sbarnhar@calpoly.edu.

Corporation Board Meeting Set for May 21

The Board of Directors of the Cal Poly Corporation will hold its Annual meeting Friday, May 21, at 8:30 a.m. in the Corporation Administration Building, Conference Room 124. This is a public meeting. For more information about this meeting or to obtain a copy of the meeting agenda, contact Bonnie Murphy at ext. 6-1131.

Cal Poly Recreation Center Locker Rooms and Pool Closure Summer 2010

As the 2009-10 academic year comes to a close, visible changes will continue at the Cal Poly Recreation Center. During summer 2010, Recreation Center Locker Rooms will be closed for renovation. In an effort to prepare, locker users are asked to remove all personal items and locks by June 4. Beginning June 5, both Men's and Women's Locker Rooms will **NOT** be available until fall 2010.



Additionally, the Rec Center Pool will be closed for summer quarter as it undergoes mechanical maintenance. Rec Center users will be provided with limited access to Anderson Pool and Mott Locker Room. Scheduled lap swim hours will be published at a later date.

During summer, the Rec Center Exercise Room will continue to operate with a full selection of weight lifting and cardio

equipment. Rec Center summer hours are Mon-Fri 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sat-Sun 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. For detailed information on summer usage, visit [the ASI locker room website](#) or contact the Rec Center Service Desk at ext. 6-1366.

CTL Hosts Webinar on Restorative Justice June 2 and 4

The Center for Teaching and Learning will host a two-session webinar on "Creating a Restorative Justice Model on Your Campus." Session I is scheduled for Wednesday, June 2, and Session II is scheduled Friday, June 4. Both sessions will run from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Poly Canyon Village, Aliso Training Rooms A007 and A014. Attendees will learn the goals, philosophies and processes of restorative justice, as well as how to implement restorative justice models on campus. For more information or to RSVP, contact Anita Wickers at ext. 6-5996 or amwicker@calpoly.edu. [View the flyer.](#)

Events

Find out About Unitarian Universalism Tomorrow in Religious Studies Lecture

Rev. Helen Carroll will offer a lecture on the origins and perspective of the Unitarian Universalists on Thursday, May 20, in the Graphic Arts Building, Room 103 from 11:10 to noon. Carroll will discuss what unifies this group, which does not share a common creed or belief about God or the world but does engage in a common spiritual search. Sponsored by the Religious Studies Program.

Theatre & Dance Department Presents 'Marisol' May 20, 21 and 22

The Cal Poly Theatre & Dance Department presents 'Marisol' May 20-22 in the Spanos Theatre. Using dark comedy and fantastical events, Obie-Award winning Jose Rivera ("The Motorcycle Diaries") suggests the consequences of such critical issues as the credit crisis and environmental destruction within a rich story of humanity and compassion.

[More on 'Marisol'](#)

Cal Poly Early Music Ensemble Presents 'A Parisian Feast' Friday

Cal Poly's 16-voice Early Music Ensemble will present "A Parisian Feast" on Friday, May 21, at 8 p.m. in the Pavilion of the Performing Arts Center's Christopher Cohan Center. The concert will feature chansons of the 16th century. A chanson is the French cousin of the English and Italian madrigal.

[More on 'A Parisian Feast'](#)

CLFSA Hosts Lecture Friday

The Chicana Latino Faculty Staff Association will host a lecture by Christina Chavez-Reyes, Department of Liberal Studies, Cal Poly Pomona, titled "Claiming all of our children: A conceptual model to understanding later generation Mexican Americans." The lecture takes place Friday in the Business Building, Room 112 from 5 to 6 p.m. and follows with book signing. One of the few scholars who study later-generation Mexican Americans, Chavez-Reyes will discuss the importance of identifying and understanding the needs of later generation Mexican Americans. Since much research focuses on the issues of Mexican immigrants and second-generation Mexican Americans, Chavez-Reyes argues that the needs of later generation Mexican Americans go unrecognized -- a sizable sub-population of Latinos that continues to experience low levels of structural assimilation and academic neglect.

The event is free and open to the public. Seating is limited. For more information, contact Anita Hernandez at ext. 6-5537 or achernan@calpoly.edu.

ASI Presents 'Lucky 21' Comedian Friday Night

ASI Events presents award winning comedian Michael Palascak on Friday, May 21, 2010, at 9 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium. Come hear the 27 year-old comedian talk about how he makes the most of still living at home. Palascak has been featured on FunnyOrDie.com and Comedy Central and is the winner of HBO's "Lucky 21 Stand-Up Contest." When Palascak isn't living at home with his parents, he's traveling around the country doing stand-up routines about it. Free for students with ID card, \$10 for general public.

[More on Palascak at www.asi.calpoly.edu](http://www.asi.calpoly.edu)

DJ Logic to Perform with Cal Poly Jazz Bands on Saturday

Turntablist DJ Logic, a veteran of performances with jazz luminaries such as Wayne Shorter and Medeski, Martin, and Wood, will scratch and sample with Cal Poly's best jazz musicians in a concert at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 22, in the Performing Arts Center. DJ Logic will use a standard phonograph record on a turntable as a musical instrument while Cal Poly's University Jazz Band No.1 performs a variety of innovative hip hop and funk compositions for big band.

[More on DJ Logic and the Jazz Bands concert](#)

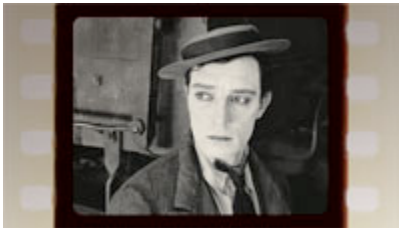


Cal Poly's Poly Paws Program Organizes Furry 5K at Laguna Lake Park May 22

Community members are invited to participate in a 5K walk organized by Cal Poly's Poly Paws Program on Saturday, May 22, at Laguna Lake Park. The Furry 5K Walk is an opportunity to support an organization of your choice: Humane Society of America, Woods Humane Society or Animal Shelter Adoption Services of San Luis Obispo County. Registration is free and donations for these three organizations will be collected.

[More on Poly Paws 5K](#)

See Classic Silent Comic Short Films at the PAC May 23



Cal Poly Arts teams with the San Luis Obispo International Film Festival to bring a trio of silent movie comedy classics to the Cohan Center - complete with live music. The three short films featured are from Charlie Chaplin, Buster Keaton and Harold Lloyd. Each will be accompanied by three styles of live music – including a performance on the Forbes Pipe Organ – for a unique, fun-filled afternoon.

[More on Classic Comics](#)

Academy of Dance Presents San Luis Jazz Dancers May 23

The Academy of Dance proudly presents the San Luis Jazz Dancers in concert at 6 p.m. in the Spanos Theatre. Leading local choreographers will present a cutting edge contemporary repertoire in a fast-paced evening of jazz, ballet, lyrical, contemporary and hip-hop entertainment. A perfect evening for families and dance lovers.

[More on San Luis Jazz Dancers](#)

Acoustic Master Trio Performs May 24

Three masterful genre benders and leading virtuosos -- Béla Fleck (banjo), Zakir Hussain (tabla), and Edgar Meyer (bass) -- move with ease among the worlds of classical, bluegrass, and world music. Each a superstar in their own fields, they combine their brilliance for a one of a kind collaboration. Showtime is 8 p.m. in the Christopher Cohan Center. Enjoy a pre-show lecture

as part of the event.

[More on Fleck and company](#)

Morro Bay, Los Osos Choirs in Concert May 25

Morro Bay High School and Los Osos Middle School choirs will present a medley of songs from their spring festivals and tours. Bring the family and enjoy the talent of these young musicians from local schools. Showtime is 7 p.m. in the Christopher Cohan Center.

[More on Spring Choir Concert](#)

Job Vacancies

State Employment Opportunities

The official listing of staff and management vacancies is posted at <http://calpolyjobs.org>. To apply, go online and complete the application form. For assistance, call Human Resources at ext. 6-2236.

#102093 – Technical Support Specialist, Information Technology Consultant – Foundation, Administration and Finance, Network Technology Services, \$3,424-\$5,466 per month, anticipated hiring range: \$3,424-\$3,766 per month. Closes: June 6, 2010.

#102094 – Library Assistant II, Library, Special Collections, \$3,060-\$4,590 per month, anticipated hiring range \$3,060-\$3,519. Open until filled. Review begins: May 24, 2010.

#102097 – Assistant Director, Fiscal Services, Internal Control and Documentation, Administrator II, Administration & Finance, Fiscal Services, salary is commensurate with experience. Open until filled. Review begins: June 14, 2010.

Faculty Employment Opportunities

Candidates are asked to visit the online employment Web site at <http://calpolyjobs.org> to complete an application and apply for any of the positions shown below. Submit all requested application materials as attachments to your online application, unless otherwise specified in the ad.

#102072 - Part-Time Lecturer Pool, Liberal Studies, Liberal Studies Department, College of Science and Mathematics ext. 6-2935. Closes: July 16, 2010.

#102092 - Part-Time Lecturer Pool, Communication Studies, Communication Studies Department, College of Liberal Arts ext. 6-2554. Review begins: June 7, 2010.

Corporation Employment Opportunities

Cal Poly Corporation is a separate corporation operating in concert with the university to provide a diverse range of services and resources to students, faculty and staff. For an application, visit Human Resources in the Corporation Administration Building, check the Web site at <http://www.calpolycorporation.org> or call ext. 6-1121.

There are no new job openings at this time.

ASI Employment Opportunities

Candidates are asked to visit <http://www.asi.calpoly.edu> to complete an application and apply for positions listed below. For more information, contact the ASI Business Office in UU, Room 212 or call ext. 6-5800.

There are no new job openings at this time.

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